



"Oh, Johnny, don't forget there's just nine more shopping days till Christmas."

Thespians Enact Two Christmas Plays

The College Players presented two one-act Christmas plays yesterday for community organizations. "Christmas Incorporated" was given before the Soroptimist Club dur-

Bradshaw Recuperates From Bullet Wound

Leon Bradshaw is reported to be recovering satisfactorily from a bullet wound received in an accidental shooting. The freshman was wounded Friday, November 29, at a service station on Highway 66, east of the Missouri-Kansas line, where he works as an attendant.

Leon was returning a rifle which he borrowed from a friend when he jokingly said, "This is a holdup." His comrade, playing along with him, obtained a .22 caliber "unloaded" pistol from a drawer and aimed it at him, pulling the trigger.

Bradshaw received a wound on his right side and was taken to St. John's Hospital for treatment.

Senate Considers Holiday Dance

A holiday dance for December 28 is being contemplated by the Student Senate. The final decision on the project will be made at a meeting today and announced Monday.

David Garrison, president, reports that "The student body is indicating a desire for the dance as nearly 200 signatures have been affixed to petitions being circulated. The main problem now is getting a band."

Garrison said that tickets will go on sale Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, if the Senate decides to sponsor the affair.

ing the noon hour at the Connor Hotel, and "A Child Is Born" was performed last night at the Scottish Rite Temple for the American Association of University Women.

Written by Walter Kerr, the first play brings to mind the fact that many times people forget the true meaning of Christmas. Mary Daly, a department store salesgirl, portrayed by Carolyn Updegraff, believes that she can no longer endure the gross commercialization of the "seasonal spirit."

Others in the cast included Donna Finley as Kay Carney; Sondra Gumm, Evvie Small; Donna Engle, Mrs. Worrieman; Suzanne Waggener, Laura Jo; Nancy Hays, Laura Jo's mother; and Jane Lohr, Pauline Simms. The production was directed by Frank Sadler, a second year drama student. He was assisted by Carol Campbell.

"A Child Is Born," written by Stephen Vincent Benet, presents a version of the Nativity and is enriched by the use of music composed by Hubert Bird. Bird also directed the choral octet consisting of Shirley Byrd, Judy Brown, Suzanne Bogner, Carol Campbell, Dave Garrison, Bill Easley, Dale Richards, and Bob Townsend.

Directed by Milton W. Brietzke, the cast included Marilyn Harrison as the narrator; Duane Hunt, the innkeeper; Gwen Theis as the innkeeper's wife; Shirley Byrd, Sara; Bill Easley, the soldier; Judy Brown as Leah; Jerry Hamilton portrayed Joseph; Fred Tullis, Mike Robbins, and Murray Lorenzen as the shepherds; and Larry Catron as Dismas.

Ellis' Composition Interests Musicians At Michigan Festival

Merrill Ellis recently had an orchestral composition presented at a three day convention of university composers on the campus of Michigan State University at East Lansing. "Rondo," the music instructor's selection, was played by the University orchestra under the direction of Louis Potter, well-known symphonic director. Writing with college and civic orchestras in mind, Ellis composed "Rondo," in 1950.

The local teacher said that the festival featured two sessions on chamber music. Also included on the program were folksongs and commentaries by John Jacob Niles, noted folksong singer. The University orchestra performed many symphonic works by Dr. Weldon Hart. The numbers were based on themes from the folksongs which were presented by Niles.

Ellis reported that hundreds of composers from over the world gathered at the exchange festival.

Alumnus to Play In Holiday Bowl

George Campbell, a member of the K.S.T.C. football team at Pittsburg, will play in the N.A.I.A. Holiday Bowl December 21 at St. Petersburg, Florida.

Yearbook Editors Concentrate on Completing Sports Section

The Crossroads means more to two individuals than to the rest of the student body. As editors of the annual, Carol Klimpt and Margaret Kenney have more than a casual interest in the work that goes into the finished product.

The girls say that meeting deadlines keeps them hustling.

Three Attend Junior College Day

Dean Maurice Litton, Milton W. Brietzke, and Mrs. Mary Kirk Kelly were at the University of Missouri Saturday for Junior College Day.

As President of the Missouri Junior College Association, Dr. Litton presided at the opening general session. The afternoon program consisted of divisional meetings. Dr. Litton was a member of the panel discussing administration.

Miss Ada Coffey was in Jefferson City Saturday for a meeting of the Classroom Teachers.

Mrs. Kelly's Classes To Sponsor Dance For All Students

An informal Christmas dance open to all students is scheduled for tomorrow night in the Empire Room of the Connor Hotel. Mrs. Mary Kirk Kelly's sociology and history classes will sponsor the party, starting at 9 and ending at midnight.

Chairman Tom Wolfe and elected delegates from each class have planned the entertainment. Tickets are \$1.00 per couple, or 75 cents stag. They may be purchased at the door.

Music will be provided by records and refreshments will be served.

Yule Assembly Will Feature Music, Drama

The College Players will share honors with the Choir Wednesday at 10:00 a. m. in presenting the Christmas assembly. The Thespians will give Stephen Vincent Benet's "A Child Is Born," and the Choir will sing "The Christmas Chorologue" and "Twelve Days of Christmas."

Yesterday the Choir gave a full length concert at the Miami High School. Monday night it will perform on the Christmas program of the Joplin Symphony Orchestra at the High School.

The choristers made their first appearance at the student recital last Wednesday. Under the direction of Oliver Sovereign, the Choir sang three selections: "Prettv Saro," "Old Abram Brown," and "Let All the Nations Praise the Lord." The Girls' Triple Trio and the Male Ensemble also sang two numbers.

See Your Advisor!

All students should make an appointment to confer with their advisor before the end of the semester.

If you do not know who your advisor is, check the lists on the bulletin boards.

and dry on the second floor of Blaine Hall. There, armed with scissors and a scrutinizing gaze, the conspirators waded into the struggle.

The sophomores are yearbook staff members from last year. Mrs. Margaret Jeffcott and Milton W. Brietzke sponsor the publication.



Whose Birthday Is It?

Julie was only four or five, but she had an eternally wise look about her as she sat primly in her rocking chair, clutching last year's doll in one chubby little fist.

"It's almost Christmas," she announced in a tone at once, decisive and challenging "Did you know that?"

"No, I didn't," I answered, telling a little white lie to make her happy. "Tell me about it, Julie, will you?"

She adjusted herself more comfortably in her chair and started to speak. I waited politely, expecting to hear all about Santa and Rudolph and Frosty.

But Julie merely said quietly, "A long time ago, Baby Jesus was born." Surprised that she had mentioned Jesus before Santa, I said "Oh?" in what must have seemed to her a quizzical tone.

"Oh, yes," she said matter-of-factly. "His mama's name was Mary and she loved him very much because he was her only little boy. But everybody" she threw wide her arms, dropping the doll, "everybody else loved him because he was sent by God." How reverently she spoke the names!

"And where was Baby Jesus born?" I questioned her gently.

"Oh, he was born in a manger because there wasn't any room at the Inn." She paused for a moment, wrinkling her nose the way she did when she was puzzled. Finally she said, "What's an inn?"

"Well, I guess you might say it's a—," I fumbled about for the correct word and decided upon "—hotel."

She considered that with her head tilted to one side. "Yes," she said finally satisfied. "I guess there just wasn't any room at the hotel for Baby Jesus."

"And then they went to the stable?" I prompted.

She nodded. "And there were cows and horses and things." Another pause. "Is a stable like a barn?"

"That's right. Then what happened?"

She clasped her hands before her and her eyes shone as brightly as the star she spoke of. "And then God sent a star to show everybody where He was." Her voice was so low and reverent that I had to lean forward to

catch the words. "The shepherds came with their lambs and the wise men came and brought Him presents because they knew He was Jesus. The angels were so happy that they sang and sang!"

"What do you suppose they sang?" I asked.

"I guess they sang 'Away in a Manger,'" she decided. "And do you know—" her voice took on a conspiring tone, "that every Christmas Eve all the cows in the whole wide world get down on their knees and pray."

"No," I declared. "Is that right?"

She nodded vigorously, her shining brown hair flying. "And guess what!"

"I couldn't!"

She glanced around to see if anyone else was listening. "I'm going to pray on Christmas Eve, too!"

"Did you pray last year on Christmas Eve?" I teased.

"Don't be silly!" she scolded me. "Last year I was just a little girl." And from the way she said "little" I could see that she now considered herself quite adult.

Hurriedly I changed the subject. "What are you going to pray for? A doll, or a tricycle?"

Gravely she shook her head "no." "I'm going to pray for a Christmas present to give to Baby Jesus."

"A present for Jesus!" I exclaimed in surprise.

"Well, whose birthday is it anyway?" she demanded.

Later I thought about that, and Julie, with a sort of wonder. Julie, only a little girl, knew the meaning of Christmas far better than I. She had found the key when she asked, "Well, whose birthday is it, anyway?"

Betty Lee

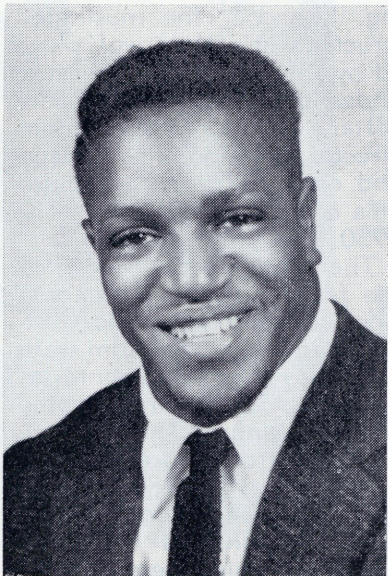
Art Classes Display Creative Works

The ultra-modernistic paintings now on display in the library are contributions from the art composition class. The paintings were done by Phil Bellairs, Buster Brown, Duane Hunt, Ralph Jacobs, Jane Lohr, Bob Townsend, and Dick Walker.

The artistry ranges in theme from glass windows to an aerial view of a circus. Exhibits from the art classes will continue throughout the first semester.

Brown, Gunn Are On All-Conference Team for 1957

Buster Brown and Myrl Gunn, chosen last week by the I. J. C. C. coaches in Kansas City, were the only two players from Joplin's Champions to make the All-Conference first team. Three players—Wayne Gibson, Bill Kelley, and Don Staggs—were named as members of the second team. Steve Ardito, H. B. Davis, Drexel Harris, Jerry Kelley, Chuck Mooney, Bob Slinker, Bill Smith, and Max Vowels received Honorable Mention.



Myrl Gunn

For the second successive year, Gunn earned the position as All-Conference fullback. The sophomore contributed a large part on defense, in addition to being a top scorer both years. Gunn has been scouted by several four-year colleges. He plans to attend K. S. T. C.



Buster Brown

A sophomore guard, Brown played an important part on offense as well as a major part on Joplin's outstanding defensive team. He received an All-Conference Honorable Mention in 1955.

Alumni Take Part In K.S.T.C. Production

Three former students attending K. S. T. C. at Pittsburg had roles in the play "Sabrina Fair," which was presented last week.

Phil Lega portrayed Fairchild; Joe Roche, Paul D'Argenson; and Toby Jean Manker played the part of a young woman. All three were active in music or theatrical groups while students at J. J. C.

A Time for Reawakening

In five days, we will be dismissed for our greatly anticipated Christmas vacation. These two weeks will hold a variety of meanings for each of us. It will mean turkey with all the trimmings. It will mean parties and Christmas candy and mistletoe. It will mean snow and sleigh rides and tinkling bells. It will mean greeting old friends again. It will mean a brightly-lit Christmas tree and presents. Without a doubt, all are a part of the holiday season, and they should be.

Yet, so few of us mention the real meaning of Christmas. So few ever do. Now is the time of year that we should be especially mindful of the presence of a Supreme Being, because it marks the birth date of his beloved Son. The essence of Christmas consists of a genuine reawakening to God.

Far too many of us, at the start of our college career, declared, "Goodbye, God. I'm going to college." It's time we said, "Hello." As college students, we are the potential leaders of the not-so-distant future. With the chaotic world as our responsibility, we'll need extra help.

Christmas actually lasts only one day. Yet, what emotions, both before and after, the celebration brings forth! This Christmas, could we create a feeling of love and praise for God, which will serve us long after the season ends?

'Organization Man' Rates Plaudits From a Freshman and a Sophomore

Mary Curtis James Comments:

"The Organization Man" . . . is the story of a great migration, not from one place to another, or from class to class, but from individuality and independence to the organization as a way of life.

Modern America constantly examines itself through personality tests, in search of reassuring signs of strength and/or frightening sources of weakness. The corporations seem to be ardent supporters of personality tests and use them extensively. William H. Whyte, Jr., however, has nothing good to say about them and goes so far as to provide an appendix entitled "How To Cheat on Personality Tests."

One of Whyte's main points is that though the American people still aspire to the ideals of the Protestant Ethic, a belief in individual salvation through work, thrift, and competition, they aspire to it only verbally. In actuality, they are following a new code which the author refers to as the social Ethic. Relying on the group or organization, this code centers around a belief in "belongingness" and a belief in science as the way to achieve this goal.

I found the book intelligently written and interesting to read. Yet, while I feel that he is basically right, there remains some room for criticism. In describing this complete conformity, Whyte took a limited sampling. He used as his example, Park Forest, Illinois, which represents a complete community in itself, composed almost entirely of organization men and their families. Also, the sociologist in Whyte forced him to speak in generalities, not considering the individuals involved. Lastly, he doesn't clarify the difference between individuality, which he favors, and a belief in individualism, which, as I interpret it, is just as harmful as a belief in the group.

I think every college student could profit from some of Mr. Whyte's ideas, especially those young men who may one day find themselves working for such an organization, and caught in its grasp. For, the disturbing factor is

that most of the victims are former college students, the very people who should know better.

Stewart Revenaugh Comments:

In spite of the marginal reader appeal sociological data commands, William H. Whyte, Jr., has nurtured his statistics, observations, and reflections to a climax of interesting and almost popular readability. While employing the semi-commercial title of "The Organization Man," he has keyed his work to a slightly above average adult level.

While delving into the many not too apparent facets of organizationalism, Whyte skillfully manipulates the verbal instruments of his profession to stimulate the reader rather than deter him. Particularly appealing is the appendix which contains an explanation of "How To Cheat On Personality Tests." The inclusiveness of "The Organization Man" is further enhanced by an insight into post-war America's housing developments. "Suburbia," as we come to see it, is a tightly knit group of transients stopping between economic plateaus only long enough, they hope, to catch their breaths.

Upon completion of this book, one realizes an ogre has arisen out of the commonplace, furious-paced American scene. If not an actual foreboding, the tone does suggest an imminent change for the worst as the individual continues to subliminate himself in a group. Whyte offers, however, a vague solution to the problem of national mediocrity. He wants the reader to fight back at the "organization" by not conceding or prostituting his individuality from this point on.

Senate Promotes Christmas Spirit

In keeping with the holiday season, the Student Senate plans to erect a Christmas tree Monday in the main hall. A box beside the tree will serve as a receptacle for any canned foods students may wish to contribute to those less fortunate. Donations will be turned over to the Salvation Army for distribution at the close of school.



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Student Senate Needs Assistance

Because there is a need for more furnishings in the Lion's Den, the Student Senate is sponsoring a drive to collect used furniture. The collections will be used to brighten the appearances of the den, as well as to make it more serviceable. Any student desiring to contribute furniture should contact Dave Garrison or any other member of the Senate.

Typing Students Win Certificates

Sharon Cozad, Gloria Ellis, Betty Grider, Sandra Kirk, Donna Laird, Ann Puett, Shirley Trim, and Joyce Whitaker recently qualified for typing certificates by passing certain competency tests.

The winners, who were announced by Miss Vera Steinger, typed for 10 minutes with fewer than five errors. The minimum qualification must be 50 words per minute. Gloria Ellis netted the top score with 64 words per minute. The tests, which may be practiced first, are distributed by the Greag Division of the McGraw-Hill Book Company.

In other commerce news, four girls in the advanced shorthand class passed the November monthly test sent out by the McGraw-Hill Company. Mary Ames, Wilma Estes, Lew Ann Steenrod, and Joyce Whitaker took dictation at 100 words per minute for five minutes. They qualified with at least 95 per cent accuracy.

Spanish Colors Language Club Christmas Party

The Modern Language Club celebrated the season in Spanish style at their annual Christmas party Monday night at the home of Mrs. Billie Manning. The party featured a Spanish dinner followed by Spanish games and recorded music. A pinata, filled with gifts, was distributed among the guests.

At the previous meeting, Sharon Black was named president to succeed Ramona Kunkel who resigned. Chuck Krokroskia was elected vice-president to replace Sharon Black.

Why Wait for Spring?

Although the old saying states that a young man's fancy turns to love in the spring, several J. J. C. students could revise the quotation to include the autumn as well.

Three freshmen coeds are wearing new diamond rings. Doyleene Porter received her little gem from Gary Boese; Sondra Gumm is engaged to John Norris; and Donna Stewart's future plans center around Rick Wittman, also a freshman.

Sophomore "victims" of Old Dan Cupid are Suzanne Bogner who proudly displays her ring from Merle Medcalf, and Richard Pottorff whose engagement to June Fisher has just been announced.

Sandra Ann Gooch is engaged to Gary Garvey, a '57 graduate.

Keeling Demonstrates Jump Shot Against Haskell



Coach Names '57 Lettermen

Fourteen sophomores head the list of 27 lettermen from the 1957 football squad. According to statistics released by Coach Dudley Stegge, the upperclassmen also led the way in scoring, with Chuck Mooney's 58 points setting the pace. Myrl Gunn placed second with 48 points. As Conference Champions, the following lettermen will receive leather jackets.

Sophomores: Steve Ardito, center; Buster Brown, guard; Wayne Gibson, halfback; Richard Giles, center; Myrl Gunn, fullback; Gerald Harper, halfback; Drexel Harris, quarterback; Lee Kellenberger, tackle; Bill Kelley, end; Chuck Mooney, halfback; Bill Smith, guard; Elmer Sprengle, fullback; Franz Stangl, center; and George Wallace, end.

Freshmen: Harry Cantrell, fullback; H.B. Davis, halfback; Jack Golden, end; Jerry Kelley, halfback; J. C. Kuhn, fullback; Benny Lawson, end; Leo McNellis, quarterback; Bob Slinker, quarterback; Don Staggs, tackle; Colen Younger, tackle; Max Vowels, halfback; Robert Watts, guard; Tom Wolfe, tackle; and Jerry Chew, manager.

Kansas Faculty Gives Concert

Members of the music faculty of K. S. T. C. at Pittsburg presented an assembly program Wednesday morning. Among the numbers played by the ensemble were "Brahms' Trio" and "La Revue de Cuisine."

Members of the ensemble were Markwood Holmes, violinist; Walter Osadchuk, cellist; Martha Pate, pianist; Gilbert Spector, pianist; Robert Schott, clarinetist; Russell Peigh, bassoonist; and Millard Laing, hornist.

Yesterday a Maid Today a Queen

The students of J. J. C. have seen a Cinderella-like story unfold before their eyes. A transformation occurred in which Tommy and Ellen Turner's maid, Cleota, became the Snow Queen for station KODE-TV. The students know Cleota best as Suzanne Bogner.

The Snow Queen is seen on the KODE-TV "Santa Claus" program from 4:45 to 5:20 p. m., Monday through Friday. Suzanne's main duties are to take care of the correspondence received by the program and to make reservations for the children who wish to appear on the "Santa Claus" show. It is also her duty to entertain the children who are present during the program.

Suzanne was one of the four candidates nominated by Milton W. Brietzke for the position. She received the position on the basis of personality, charm, and speaking ability.

The Snow Queen enjoys her work at the TV station. She says, "There is nothing like children. The job is an experience I am sure I will never forget."

Holiday Begins December Eighteen

Friends, Fellow Students, and Teachers: Listen, and you shall hear of the Christmas vacation soon to be here. From fairyland to reality, officially the holiday will begin after the last class on next Wednesday, December 18.

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Independence Greyhounds Seek Revenge in Game Tonight

Cagers Capture Initial Victory Over Haskell

Bob Keeling's 22 points paced the Lions to their first victory of the season with a 103-74 rout over the Haskell Indians of Lawrence, Kansas in a game December 7 at Memorial Hall. The win ended a two-game losing streak for the cagers and marked the initial time this season they had gone past the 100 point margin.

Midway through the first period the Indians posted a 21-14 advantage. But the Kansans saw their lead dwindle as Leo DeSpain, Lea Tomilson, Jerry Kelley, and Keeling put together 15 points for a 29-26 edge. They were never headed again.

Joplin held a 45-39 lead at the half and increased the margin to 25 points behind the nine-point contribution by Tomilson.

Haskell's John Renville captured scoring laurels for the contest with 24 points. Renville took over as captain for the Indians early in the game when Emmett Austin, regular captain, was benched with an ankle injury.

Scoring for the Lions was as follows: Keeling, 22; DeSpain, 20; Tomilson, 16; Springer, 12; Ellis, 8; Kelley, 8; Mailes, 8; Givens, 7; Mitchell, 2; Baker; Clanton; and Baker.

Haskell's scoring was as follows: Renville, 24; Leaf, 17; Brun, 8; Birdsheed, 6; Metoxin, 5; Austin, 4; Oldcrowe, 4; Farmer, 2; Hill, 2; Thunder, 2; Cross; and Gourd.

Arkansas Frosh Defeat Joplin

Outmaneuvered, and overpowered by a height disadvantage, the Lions suffered their third defeat Monday night at the hands of the Arkansas Freshmen, 80-57.

The home squad maintained a 4-0 lead for some two minutes at the outset of the game, but soon let this slip so that the Freshmen jumped in front, 11-5. Coach Buddy Ball's boys indicated a lack of team coordination, despite the top scoring of Bob Keeling and Lew Springer.

Scoring for J.J.C. follows: Keeling, 17; Springer, 17; DeSpain, 8; Kelley, 8; Ellis, 5; Clanton, 1; Tomilson, 1.

Shirley Trim Joins Cheerleaders

The Lions' cheering squad has a new member. She is Shirley Trim who was selected to replace Judy Mullins. Shirley was a cheerleader at Joplin High School last year.

Ravens Dump Lions In Season Opener

Signs of tenseness and lack of experience were noted in the home squad as the Coffeyville Junior College Red Ravens Cagers defeated them, 60-56, here on Saturday, November 31.

Both teams choked up when the chips were down and the points were badly needed. The Lions fought hard to overcome the small margin which the Ravens held during the contest.

Coffeyville was sparked by Vincent Knight, 6' 2" Kansas all-state high school selection in 1956. Knight scored 26 points on driving layups, jump shots, and one-hand set shots.

Gib Scanton, Coffeyville's sophomore center, accounted for 18 points for the victors. Forward Leo DeSpain and Center Bob Keeling shared the scoring honors for Joplin with 10 points apiece.

Team scoring went as follows:

Coffeyville (60) — Knight, 26; Scanton, 18; Estes, 8; Daves, 5; Cain, 2; Mahan, 1; Bowman; Brown; Wallar; and Scoggins.

Joplin (56) — DeSpain, 10; Keeling, 10; Clanton, 9; Givens, 7; Tomlinson, 6; Springer, 5; Mailes, 4; J. Kelley, 3; Baker, 2; Mitchell; Ellis; and Duncan.

Kelley Plays In East-West Bowl Game



Bill Kelley, sophomore right end of the Interstate Conference Champions, was one of 44 players selected last month, by the National Junior College Athletic Association to play in the second annual All-American East-West Bowl game, December 7 at Jackson Mississippi. The 180-pound six footer is a good pass receiver and down field blocker. He was elected by the other players as Captain of the 1957 Lions.

Considered by many to be the best end ever produced by Joplin, Kelley first played for Joplin High. He lettered at Juco in 1954, but his college career was interrupted by a call to military service. During this time, Bill served as a member of Camp Hansford's football team in Washington. Returning this year, he contributed a major part toward winning the Interstate Conference Championship.

Kelley, played an important role for the West in Saturday's East-West game. The East won by a margin of 20 to 7. Rumors are that Bill's outstanding performance resulted in offers from several four-year schools.

Want A Phone Number?

The student directory is expected to be ready for distribution Monday. Publication chairman Dave Garrison urges all students to pick up their handy copy of "The Lion's Tracks" in the office.

Kansans Hold Slight Height Edge Over Green and Gold Basketeers

The home quintet will clash with the Independence Junior College Greyhounds at 7:30 o'clock tonight at Memorial Hall in an effort to extend their string of victories to three straight over the Kansans. The Greyhounds will be out to seek revenge over last year's two wins at the hands of the Lions of 56 to 55 and 73 to 71. Last year was the first time the teams had met since 1952.

Coach Buddy Ball will send a team with only four games of experience onto the hardwoods. Returning lettermen, Bob Keeling, center-forward, and J. R. Duncan, guard, will carry the bulk of the Lions' load, with outstanding freshmen from all over the district

making up the rest of the squad. Joplin's height is centered in Keeling, 6'5, Laron Tomilson, 6'6, and Dave Clanton, 6'4, all of whom are capable of taking over the center spot. Lew Springer, Bobby Baker, Ron Ellis, Jerry Kelley, Eldon Mailes, Ron Mitchell, guards, and Leo DeSpain, and Bob Givens, forwards, will round out the roster.

The Greyhounds will field an experienced team containing three returning lettermen. Their height is centered around Charles Hamilton, 6'6, Ronald Hastings, 6'7, both returning lettermen, and Gary Sebbert, 6'3, an outstanding freshman from Humboldt, Kansas.

The two teams will meet in a return bout January 30 on Independence's court.


Although the Lions have been guilty of some erratic ball handling so far this season, the faults can be overcome by more experience, according to Coach Ball.

Last year's record of 16 wins and 8 losses and an unblemished 10-0 standing in conference play will be difficult to surpass. This type of record allowed the Lions to win their second consecutive Interstate Junior College Conference championship in basketball.

December 17 will pit the home squad against the cagers of Parsons Junior College in a game on our hardwoods. Joplin's first road game is scheduled for December 19 with Coffeyville.

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